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Academic Senate delivers ultimatum

Faculty: Senate President notifies Board of Trustees of decision to withdraw from shared governance.

By Steve Ball
el Don Editor in Chief

The Rancho Santiago College Academic Senate gave notice to the board of trustees at their Jan. 27 meeting, that they would no longer participate in shared governance as required by state law.

The controversy revolves around the, yet to be approved, plan of the district to borrow $30 million-plus through Certificates of Participation. Both the Academic Senate and the teachers union have voiced opposition to the plan.

COPs, initially approved at the Nov. 12 trustee's meeting, was shelved recently by the board pending further scrutiny. A fact unknown to many faculty and classified staff members in the packed board room.

Dan Goldmann, President of the Academic Senate, presented the news to the Trustees by reading a resolution approved by the senate executive committee on Jan. 21.

The senate executive committee claims that Chancellor Vivian Blevins has been "highly resistant and uncooperative" as well as seeking to "obstruct implementation" of shared governance.

California State Assembly bill 1725 requires that the Board of Trustees and the Academic Senate come to mutual agreement in matters concerning planning and budget development, this process is referred to as "shared governance."

Goldmann said, that as president of the

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Don Dixon / el Don

By Theresa Hudzinski
el Don Views Editor

The sights, sounds, and smells of Africa decorated Rancho Santiago College Wednesday, where opening ceremonies for Black History Month were held.

February marks a month long celebration of African-American history. It also is an education for those who are not aware of how history is influenced by the African-American culture.

Black History Week was established in 1926 by Carter Woodson, who believed that through education prejudice could be eliminated. In the 70s, that week was extended to the Black History Month as it is known today.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

Feb. 11 - Club Rush (Orange Campus 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)
Feb. 12 -Club Rush (RSC 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.)
Feb. 16 - Original Buffalo Soldiers (Bowers Museum 2 - 4 p.m.)
Feb. 19 - "Black Expo" Black Colleges and Universities, food and vendors (RSC 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
Feb. 20 - 2nd Annual Gospelfest (RSC's Phillips Hall 7 - 9 p.m.)
Feb. 22 - Original Tuskegee Airmen (Bowers Museum 2 - 4 p.m.)
Feb. 26 - Closing Ceremonies - Lunch Available (RSC Noon-2 p.m.)
Feb. 27 - "Mighty Pawns" African-American Chess (Bowers Museum 7:30 p.m.)

■ The Black Student Union meets on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria For more information on events, call Student Activities at 564-6210

LEFT: Hawa Sankoh, Cynthia Nyemanze, and Jerry Tany perform in traditional African attire at Rancho's Black History Celebration.

HEALTH WATCH

BEATING THE BUG

■ Health experts see no benefit in the use of antibiotics in the battle against infuenza.

By Donna E. Rickerd
el Don Staff Writer

The onset is creepy, crawly, and undefinable.
"Well, I just felt a little down."
"My throat was scratchy. I thought it might be an allergy."
"I just felt really tired and achy."

But as the hours drag on and its grip slowly strengthens, you know you've got it. Influenza, the insidious flu bug. Oh great, you grumble. Not *now*. So rather than call in sick, you call the doctor to prescribe an antibiotic.

But you'll only get a bottle of empty bullets.

Ineffective

"The first thing many people do when they get sick is go to a doctor for antibiotics," explained Arlene Warco, nurse and head coordinator at the Santa Ana College Health Center. "But antibiotics don't work against the flu or any other viruses."

That's because antibiotics fight bacterial infections, not viral infections. They're what you take when you get a bacterial complication, like pneumonia.

"Although doctors know that antibiotics won't help the flu, health care is a business," said Arlene. "Patients want antibiotics. So they go to a doctor and he gives them a $100 magic bullet, even though they don't work.

"What makes it worse, this practice is contributing to the growing ineffectiveness of antibiotics, a rising national concern."

Such widespread antibiotic misuse is excerbating the rapid spread

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FLU FACTS

❑ Each year in the U.S., thousands of deaths are caused by influenza. The season peaks late in December, and continues to early March.

❑ Contrary to popular belief, the flu is not a cold or a gastrointestinal illness.

❑ The bug spreads particularly through coughing and sneezing. Viruses can enter the body through the eyes, nose or mouth.

❑ After infection, symptoms show up in 2 to 4 days. The virus is contagious for up to 3 to 4 more days.

❑ Most at-risk are the elderly, the very young, residents of long term care facilities, and those with a chronic pulmonary (asthma), cardiovascular or metabolic disease (diabetes).

❑ Timely vaccination is best for prevention; a strong immune system the strongest defense.

❑ If you're feeling ill, stay home.

❑ Don't ask your doctor for an antibiotic if you don't need one.

STAYING HEALTHY

Wash your hands with anti-bacterial soap at least 10 times a day.

Drink plenty of fluids, preferably water, fruit juices & sport drinks.

Get plenty of rest. Sleep is invaluable to remainig healthy.

NEWS BRIEFS

❑ NATION

A WEDGIE WITH A WALLOP

COLLEGE STATION, Texas-A Texas A&M University fraternity has been indicted on criminal hazing charges after a pledge lost a testicle because of a "wedgie."

In October, the Kappa Alpha fraternity pledge was lifted off his feet by the waistband of his underwear, which caused damage to his testicle, said Jean Zdziarski, assistant director of student life at Texas A&M. "Because of that, doctors had to remove his testicle," he said.

The fraternity, which was suspended by the university until August 1999, was charged with organizational hazing, and could be fined up to $10,000 or more depending on the extent of the injury.

A fraternity member was charged with individual hazing and could face up to a year in jail and a $5,000 fine.

The student withdrew for the remainder of the fall semester for medical reasons but plans to return in the spring, the university said.

❑ LOCAL

BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION

Hand clapping, high-stepping, music and balloons was the scene at Santa Ana's civic center neighborhood as Orange County began celebration of black history month.

The event, titled "Recognizing a Quilt of Diversity," highlighted the history and success of the black community and how it relate to the rainbow community of the county.

Festivities included a parade on Civic Center Dr. and a cultural celebration at Santa Ana Stadium.

Grand Marshall of the parade was Roger E. Mosley of Magnum P.I.

Crowds totaled 5,000, with Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-Garden Grove, as one of the distinguished guests.

-Bruce Shorts

❑ LOCAL

SEXUAL ASSAULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to counsel victims of sexual assault during their hospital examinations, follow-up support services, and hotline services.

Community Services Programs of Orange County offers the Sexual Assault Victim Services Program for victims, as well as a 48-hour free training for volunteers. Volunteers will be trained in areas of cultural issues, child sexual abuse, rape trauma syndrome, acquaintance rape, law enforcement, and all the procedures regarding hotline services.

Training will be conducted Mar. 4 through Mar. 27 for state certified training in Irvine. For more information contact Ronnetta Johnson, at CSP, (714) 756-0677.

- Theresa Hudzinski

❑ CAMPUS

REGISTRATION RATE STILL ON THE RISE

Classes were easier to get this spring semester than last year due to a 13.6 percent increase in classes offered, according to Harold Bateman, Dean of enrollment services.

Bateman said "although enrollment is up at RSC 10.6 percent with 23,016 students, should not of had a problem getting classes".

Part time students are the main increase up 20.5 percent. Bateman felt that the increase in part time students was most likely because unemployment is the lowest since 1991 and more RSC students are now employed.

Confirming Bateman's claim that classes were easier to get were freshman Derek Kieffer and Erin Bagley both enrolled in all the classes they wanted. Kieffer said 'the only problem he experienced was standing in a long line to register and that was kind of a pain". Bagley registered by telephone. On her first attempt she was disconnected, her second attempt was successful.

Parking may be harder to find with the increased enrollment, but classes should be easier to get.

- Renay Hamlin

WATCHING HISTORY BEING MADE

INAUGURAL: RSC Board of Trustees President, Enriqueta Ramos goes to Washington to work, and takes in the inauguration.

By Jennifer Tingler
el Don Staff Writer



The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was not just a day to celebrate the accomplishments of the civil rights leader. It was also the last Presidential Inauguration of this century.

One of the quarter of a million people in Washington D.C. that weekend was Dr. Enriqueta L. Ramos. Currently in her second term as President of the Rancho Santiago Community College District Board of Trustees, Ramos was in the capital to attend the national mayors convention. It just happened that the Inauguration fell on the same week as the convention.

As Santa Ana's Commissioner for City Redevelopment, Ramos managed to balance her time to attend seminars, dinner meetings, receptions, and an Inaugural Ball.

She braved the 16 degree weather on Inauguration day to watch the parade and swearing in ceremony. Ramos said she will remember for years to come, the optimism that she felt at the Inauguration.

"There was a lot of optimism about the future of the country. All the seats were full and there were lots of young people there," Ramos said.

Ramos said she will always remember being less than a foot away John F. Kennedy, Jr. Something that impressed her about Kennedy was that he watched the ceremonies from the street not the VIP stands.

After watching the swearing in ceremony, Ramos attended California's Inaugural Ball held in the convention center. Although, Ramos did leave the ball around 10 p.m., she did stay until after the First Family made their appearance. She was disappointed that she wasn't able to hear Bill Clinton play the saxophone, but she did enjoy watching the Clinton's dance.

"I had hoped to hear the President play the saxophone," she said, "I've heard he's wonderful."

Ramos admitted that she didn't buy a new gown for the Ball, yet she admired Loretta Sanchez's handmade gown.

While in Washington, Ramos attended receptions where she visited California Congresswomen Barbara Boxer, Diane Feinstein, and Sanchez.

While she was only able to speak with Sanchez, she attended private receptions in both Feinstein and Boxers' homes. Ramos was able to sit down with Feinstein and Boxer and discuss the need for Pell Grants and Welfare Reform.

"We need to take care of our single parents so that they don't end up having to quit school," Ramos said, "If we reform it enough so that they can't continue school, then they will end up back on welfare and so will their children."

"They (Boxer, Feinstein, and Sanchez) all agreed that we need to be careful about how reforms are put into place, and why we have to make sure we have more money for Pell Grants."

Although experiencing history was fun for Ramos, she was there to listen and participate in the mayors convention. Much of her time was spent exchanging information on how Santa Ana and other cities are meeting the need of their community.

Ramos shared the Santa Ana 2000 program with the other cities. Santa Ana 2000 is a program for Santa Ana High School District graduates to receive a scholarship if they choose to attend RSC college. The money for the scholarships is a voluntary donation out of all city employees paychecks.

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Clinton budget stresses education

Education: President's proposal would increase funding for student loans, scholarships and grants

By Jennifer Tingler
el Don Staff Writer

The President's budget proposal would make paying for college easier in the 21st century by providing more money for scholarships and loans.

Clinton's plan includes an increase in scholarships dollars, lower interest rates on student loans, education deductions, and adding funding for technology in the classrooms.

"The budget will fully pay for a $1,500 a year tuition tax credit, a Hope scholarship for the first two years of college, to make the typical community college affordable for every American," Clinton said, "and to achieve our goal of making two years of college education as universal as a high school diploma is today."

Included in the budget is the largest increase to the Pell Grant funding in over 20 years by bringing the maximum award up to $3,000 from $2,700 a year per student. The plan will allow over 4 million low- and middle-income students to receive the grants to finance their college education.

The increase in funding will create 130,000 more students and open the scholarships to 218,000 older, low-income Americans who want to return to college. This will cost $1.7 billion more than the 1997 spending level.

Families will be able deduct up to $10,000 per year on their federal income taxes to pay for college tuition and job training. The expected cost for the deductions will cost $17.6 billion over five years.

Clinton's plan also includes a new "Hope Scholarship" for students first two years of college. During the first year, the student will receive a $1,500 scholarship. The scholarship will continue during the second year of college only if the student maintains a B-average during their first year. This program would reach 4.2 million students in 1998 at a cost of $18.6 billion over five years.

Another new scholarship the "Presidential Honors Scholarship" will encourage high school students to excel. High school students will receive the $1,000 scholarship if they graduate in the top 5 percent of their class. This scholarship will cost $132 million.

For families making less than $100,000 a year, a tax-free IRA's savings plan will make it easier for parents to save for college. The plan would let parents withdraw from the account to pay for higher education without imposing penalties.

The budget also calls for the reform of student loan programs to make the loans easier to get and pay back.

Under this plan, it will cut interest rates on loans to students while they are in school. Including a 50 percent reduction on loan fees for 4 million low- and middle-income students saving families $2.6 billion over five years according to Clinton.

Funding for work-study positions for students over the next three years will increase from 700,000 positions to 1 million work-study positions per year.

This increase will help the president achieve his goal of getting 100,000 work-study students to become tutors for younger students.

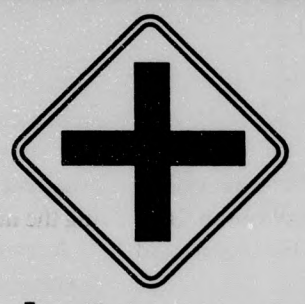
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Increasing funding to schools is also a large part of the new budget. It calls for expanding Head Start, rebuilding classrooms, and double funding for public charter schools.

Funding for technology in the classroom to connect schools and

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BUG: antibiotics useless in flu battle

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of multi-drug resistant diseases. To make matters worse, new antibiotic development is not keeping pace,and this can lead to life-threatening circumstances, especially if infection occurs when a person has a chronic illness or serious injury. Too, some experience adverse drug reactions which require emergency treatment, and can be fatal.

In one case Dan C., a healthy young man in his mid-thirties, went to bed one evening with a sore throat. During the night, he experienced sweats and chills. By morning, his tonsils had swollen, causing him to visit an urgent care facility.

The treating physician administered penicillin, and although Dan was not allergic to the drug itself, it caused an adverse reaction with his blood pressure medication. Dan was rushed to the emergency room, hardly able to breathe.

"The doctor asked if I was allergic to pencillin," he said. "And to my knowledge, I wasn't. But he didn't ask about the blood pressure medication."

Dan is not alone in his frightening, unexpected experience. Adverse drug reactions are a significant cause of mortalities and hospitalizations, and include any effect that is life-threatening or toxic, causes permanent disability, or requires intensive medical care.

When such reactions occur, they need to be reported to the Federal Drug Administration.

"Although there are a few viruses that can be treated with antibiotics," Arlene cautioned, "these require testing, and may take a few days. Most people aren't willing to wait that long."

Clout

So what do you do if you're feeling withered? And how do you know if its the flu? Typically, the bug bares crawlers of sudden fever, headache, body aches and pains, sore throat, and dry cough. Unlike other garden-type illnesses, it can cause severe weakness that lasts several days.

Although the Center has not seen many students affected this year, the recent outbreak of the B strain in the county is giving many cause for concern. According to health officials, this strain seems to be more virulent, lasts longer, and affects more people than it did just a few years ago.



Why does this year's bug boast heavier clout, hitting Orange County particularly hard? Well, even though anyone infected with a specific strain of the type A or B flu virus acquires immunity to that strain, both viruses sometimes change to make new strains that may evade or overcome immunity.

For this reason, epidemics caused by the new varieties keep appearing. These are the villains that brought the influenza pandemics of yesteryear, dubbed infamously the Spanish flu in 1918, the Asian flu in 1957, and the Hong Kong flu in 1968. It seems the chameleon bug doesn't need special territory to promote itself.

What complicates the situation is that along with the flu people may get a secondary bacterial infection; especially people with lung or heart disease. This can result in fatal bronchitis or pneumonia.

During an epidemic, high occurrences of acute illness multiply trips to doctor's offices, walk-in clinics, and emergency rooms, with rising hospitalizations for management of complications. For this reason, Nancy Cox, Ph.D., and Chief of the Influenza Branch at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, said that people should not be complacent about the health threat posed by influenza viruses.

Infection with the virus of one strain gives little or no protection against viruses of another.

"An estimated 20,000 flu-related deaths occur each year," she said. "But far more people are hospitalized with flu associated complications than die. The ratio is about 10 to 1."

No Vaccine

Unfortunately, the current vaccine is not effective against this particular strain of the B virus.

"The characteristics of the last three year's strains provide the basis for selecting the strains in the next year's vaccine," said Arlene. "But there are 100 different viruses, and a hundred different strains. Influenza can undergo capricious changes. One year's virus vaccine is not effective for all strains."

As an adjunct to the vaccine, some patients are prescribed antiviral drugs such as amantadine or rimantadine. But although these drugs can reduce the severity of influenza A when administered within 48 hours, neither drug is effective against influenza type B.

The good news is that the Center for Disease Control reported cases as dropping and the outbreak as on the wane. But don't let your guard down just because you think the bug is leaving town. CDC epidemologist Nancy Arden warns: "The flu season isn't over." And according to a report compiled by 17 U.S. government agencies, infectious diseases are on the uprise, with people not ready to defend themselves. And though there is a new pill discovered by researchers that is hoped to impede influenza and diminish its symptoms, comprehensive testing is necessary to establish safety and effectiveness in people, and it may take years to get approval.

"That's why, above all else, the Center stresses prevention, " said Arlene. "It really depends on the strength of a person's immune system. And that is driven by nutrition. "So along with your cabinet filled with aspirin and antihistamines, plan on some real immunition.

(And it won't hurt to have a can of Raid handy!)•

(Information regarding influenza is available from the Influenza Hot Line for the Center for Disease Control at (404) 332-4551 or call the Santa Ana College Health Center at 564-6216.)•

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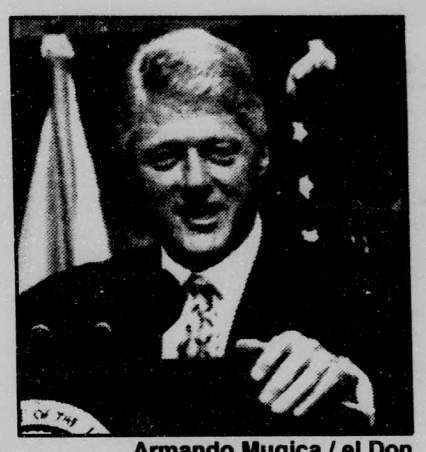
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public libraries to the Internet will double. The plan increases investment in the partnership between teachers and industries to develop quality educational programming and technology by a third.

Clinton's plan encourages community service through tax incentives for loan forgiveness for students whom after graduation choose professions that give something back. This includes people who use their education to become teachers, in homeless shelters and as doctors in remote rural areas.

Clinton believes that these proposals will help the country meet its clear national goal: "An America where every eight-year-old can read, where every 12-year-old can log on to the Internet, where every 18-year-old can go to college, where all Americans will have the knowledge they need to meet the challenges of the 21st Century.



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President Bill Clinton

Gay bill divides legislators

Proposal seeks to add 'sexual orientation' to anti-discrimination protection for schools

By Monica Hernandez
el Don Staff Writer

Conservative groups and gay-rights activists are embroiled in what promises to be the most controversial issue in California this year - a proposal to ban discrimination against gays in public education.

Assembly Bill 101, if passed, would add the words "sexual orientation" in 25 locations to the list of discriminations protected in the state's school and colleges.

For example: "No teacher shall give instruction nor shall a school district sponsor any activity that reflects adversely upon persons because of their race, sex, *sexual orientation*, color, creed, disability, national origin or ancestry."

Leading the crusade, already defeated in the Republican controlled Assembly last year, is Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl, D-Santa Monica. She believes that with the Democrats back in power the legislation will pass this year. Gov. Pete Wilson has not yet had to take a position on the sensitive issue, although he is sure to tale enormous pressure from both sides should the bill reach his office.

"This is not a very radical notion, to say that schools may not discriminate against their own students on these non-academic, non-relevant bases," Kuehl said.

Proof is difficult to find because of fear in young gays to go public with their grievances, according to Kuehl.

However, she has surveys which show that young gays are more prone to suicide and dropping out of school than their heterosexual peers.

Opposition to the legislation comes from Rev. Louis P. Sheldon, founder of the Traditional Values Coalition of Anaheim. Sheldon says that Kuehl's proposal is the latest attempt by gay-right activists to promote homosexuality in public schools.

"Homosexuality is not like a race and ethnicity. Homosexuality is a behavior-based lifestyle and a very controversial one. When you have behavior and you try to elevate it to the level of race and ethnicity and religion as a civil right, that is definitely advocacy..."

Kuehl says that adding such a provision to the list of prohibited discriminations would make it illegal to refuse hiring, promotions or student admission to schools based on an individuals's sexual preference.

Schools would not be allowed to use instructional materials which reflect poorly on the homosexual lifestyle, and it would prohibit schools and universities from using public money to support groups which openly discriminate against gays and lesbians.

The bill's supporters realize that this is only one step in a larger issue of gay-rights. But Rev. Sheldon says that taking an advocacy position will not fix the problem.

"Homosexual youths are allowed the same rights as any other student. They get the same books, attend the same classes, eat in the same lunch room.

The only discrimination they are talking about is that people believe the lifestyle is inappropriate. That's something you can't legislate."

SENATE:

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Academic Senate he will notify: the California Attorney General, The California Academic Senate, the Chancellors office as well as the State Accreditation Board of their decision not to participate in shared governance.

Blevins said that she has "always been willing to meet with faculty." The Chancellor also said that there were other means available to resolve the differences between the administration and the faculty. "Reporting the college to an accreditating agency is a last result and does not produce good outcomes."

Judy Chitlik, President of FARSCCD, addressed the board prior to Goldmann to reiterate the unions opposition to COPs. Chitlik said that she had heard that the board had decided not to go through with COPs only that morning and thanked the board for their decision.

Zoe Urrutia, acting president of the Associated Student Government of Rancho Santiago, said at the Nov. 12 meeting that "students have examined the COPs issue and feel that services will be enhanced" by the borrowing plan. Urrutia then read an ASG resolution "strongly encouraging" the board to approve COPs.

Currently the COPs issue is on hold until the district can get "a better sense of our financial position," Blevins said.



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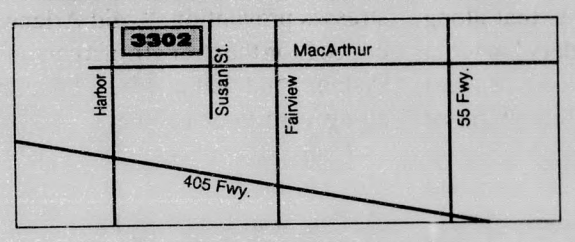
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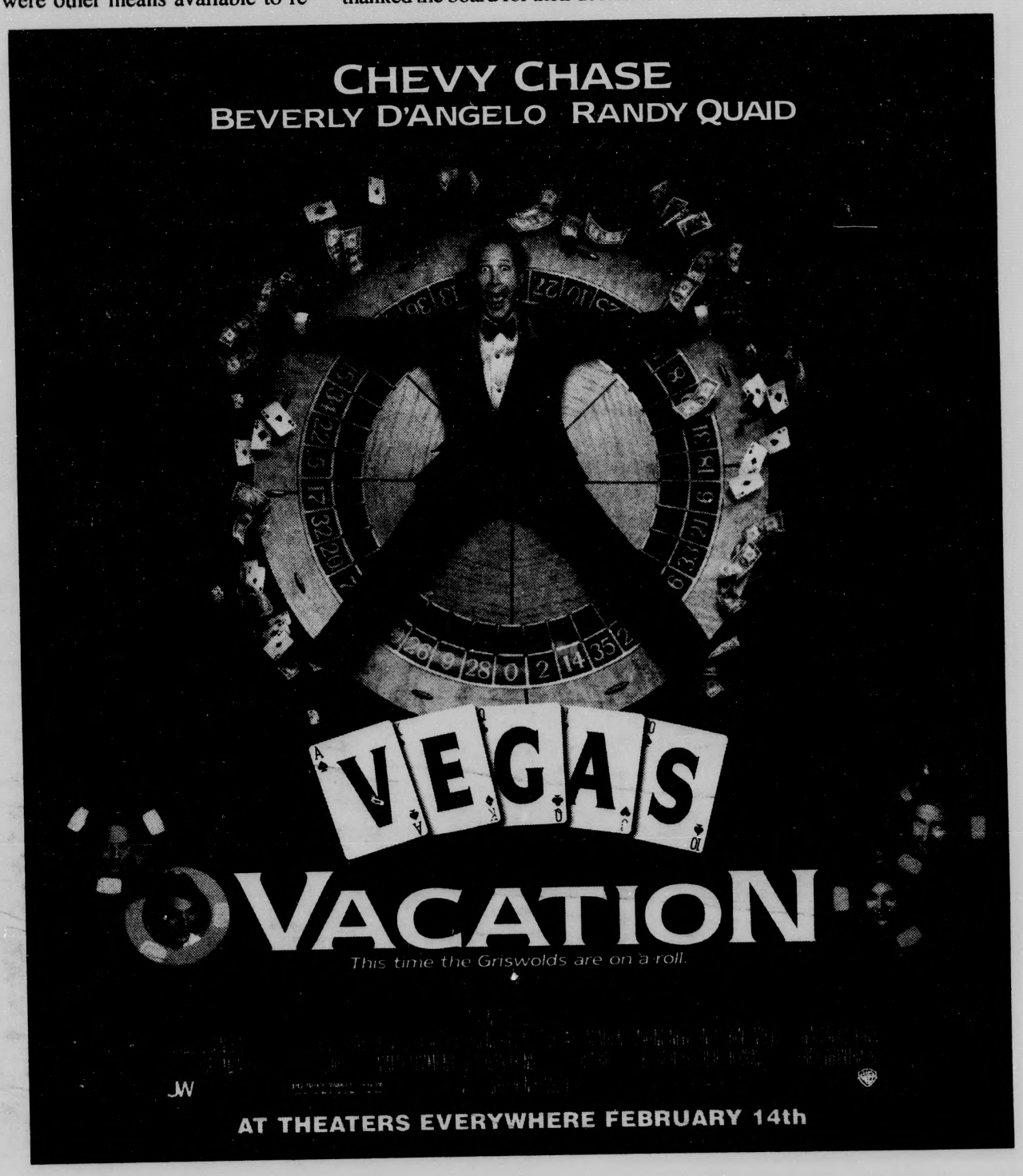
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DYSFUNCTIONAL SPACE DRAMA

A long time ago in a decade most people would like to forget, a princess is kidnaped by her evil father. Though her father isn't a king, he is trying to rule the universe.

She manages to send a message for help to her father's ex-best friend before her capture. The message is mistakenly delivered to her brother (who isn't a prince), only he doesn't know she's his sister. He lives with his aunt and uncle and thinks both his parents are dead.



Han Solo goes PC.

The non-prince brother wants to join the rebellion and be a fighter like his father and fight his evil, non-king father - who he thinks is dead.

The evil, non-king father sends hit-men out to stop the message from being delivered. They end up killing the evil, non-king's brother and his wife. The non-prince finds his uncle and aunt murdered and sets off to find his father's ex-best friend so he can kill his evil, non-king father.

Confused? This is only the first 30 minutes of the first of three films that most people and their parents have already seen or own on video.

"Star Wars," the special edition, debuted this weekend with over $36 million in sales. Why?

Well, director George Lucas added a couple of scenes he didn't consider necessary when he originally shot it 20 years ago. Han Solo is now Politically Correct. He doesn't shoot Greedo in the cantina until shot at first. Is this any reason for people to wait in line for up to twenty hours in $200+ Storm Trooper and Darth Vader costumes?

Maybe. The space trilogy was a good enough cultural icon for President Ronald Regan to name a $multi-trillion defense project after.

But now that the cold war is over, the only national crisis the trilogy can represent is the dysfunctional American family.

At least you don't have to wait 15 years for the sequel. "The Empire Strikes Back" opens Feb. 21 and "Return of the Jedi," opens next month.

-Chris Ceballos

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Photo courtesy of TriStar Pictures

Jerry Maguire (Tom Cruise) spends the night with his assistant Dorothy Boyd (Renee Zellweger) at her home with her 6-year-old son in the next room. This scene would not have survived the Hays Code of the 1920s.

PORNOGRAPHY in film

More a matter of taste than taboo

By Chris Ceballos
el Don Style Editor

If you are under 17 put this down, get parental consent and check your sensibilities. This article is about sex.

Don't worry, no one is watching you.

Sex. It used to be that parents talked to their kids about birds and bees and a penthouse meant the top floor of a hotel. Today sex is taught in elementary schools and dominates the daytime talk show circuit. Much to the chagrin of the Moral Majority, sex is becoming less and less taboo.

Milos Foreman's latest film "The People vs. Larry Flynt" illustrates that point.

Larry Flynt is the publisher of Hustler Magazine. He began publishing the newsletter to promote his Ohio strip clubs. Recognizing the success of Playboy Magazine, Flynt tried to launch a full blown, national magazine. Labeled pornography, the first issue was a financial disaster.

Far from discouraged, Flynt followed up with photos of first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, nude in Greek Mediterranean. Sales of his magazine went through the roof and drew attention from anti-pornography crusaders and the blossoming Moral Majority. The rest of the film is about Flynt's fight against censorship citing the First Amendment and freedom of expression.

"The People ..." has garnered rave reviews despite frequent full frontal nudity and an explicit sex scene - typical of Hustler Magazine. With the resurgence of conservative morality in America, why aren't people up in arms against the film?



Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

Courtney Love, Woody Harrelson and Edward Norton from " ... Larry Flynt"

Larry Flynt wasn't the first person to suffer under the heavy hand of censorship. In fact, this movie wouldn't have been made 30, 40 or even 50 years ago.

Film makers have always been attracted to human sexuality. The creator of motion pictures was the first to receive flak for filming sexual content. One of Thomas Edison's first films, "The Kiss" was made in 1896 to mixed reviews.

Hollywood learned soon enough that sex sells. By 1915 the Supreme Court had ruled that films were not protected by the First Amendment. In 1922, Will Hays became president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America.

Within five years Hays had developed a list of topics and scenes to be avoided including, "profanity, nudity, drug trafficking, and sex perversion." If the Hays Code were enforced today the local megaplex would be out of business.

But during the Great Depression the studios were hurting for money and so film subjects returned to sex. It was during this period that Mae West became popular with her, "Come up and see me sometime," persona. The Catholic Church responded this time with the Legion of Decency.

Joe Breen succeeded Hays establishing the Production Code of America in 1934. Breen came down hard on sex in the movies but not violence. James Cagney and Edward G. Robinson emerged as kings of the gangster films during this period.

Breen's office would censor the movie industry for the next 20 years. With the advent of TV in the '50s focus began to shift away from the film industry. In 1952 the Supreme Court reversed its 1922 decision and the film industry now received full the protection of the First Amendment. The sexual revolution of 1960s and '70s guaranteed that people would be free to make whatever kind of film they wanted. Larry Flynt was a part of that movement.

And so today movie goers are free to see provocative films like "Showgirls," "Striptease" and "Jerry Maguire." Yes, "Jerry Maguire."

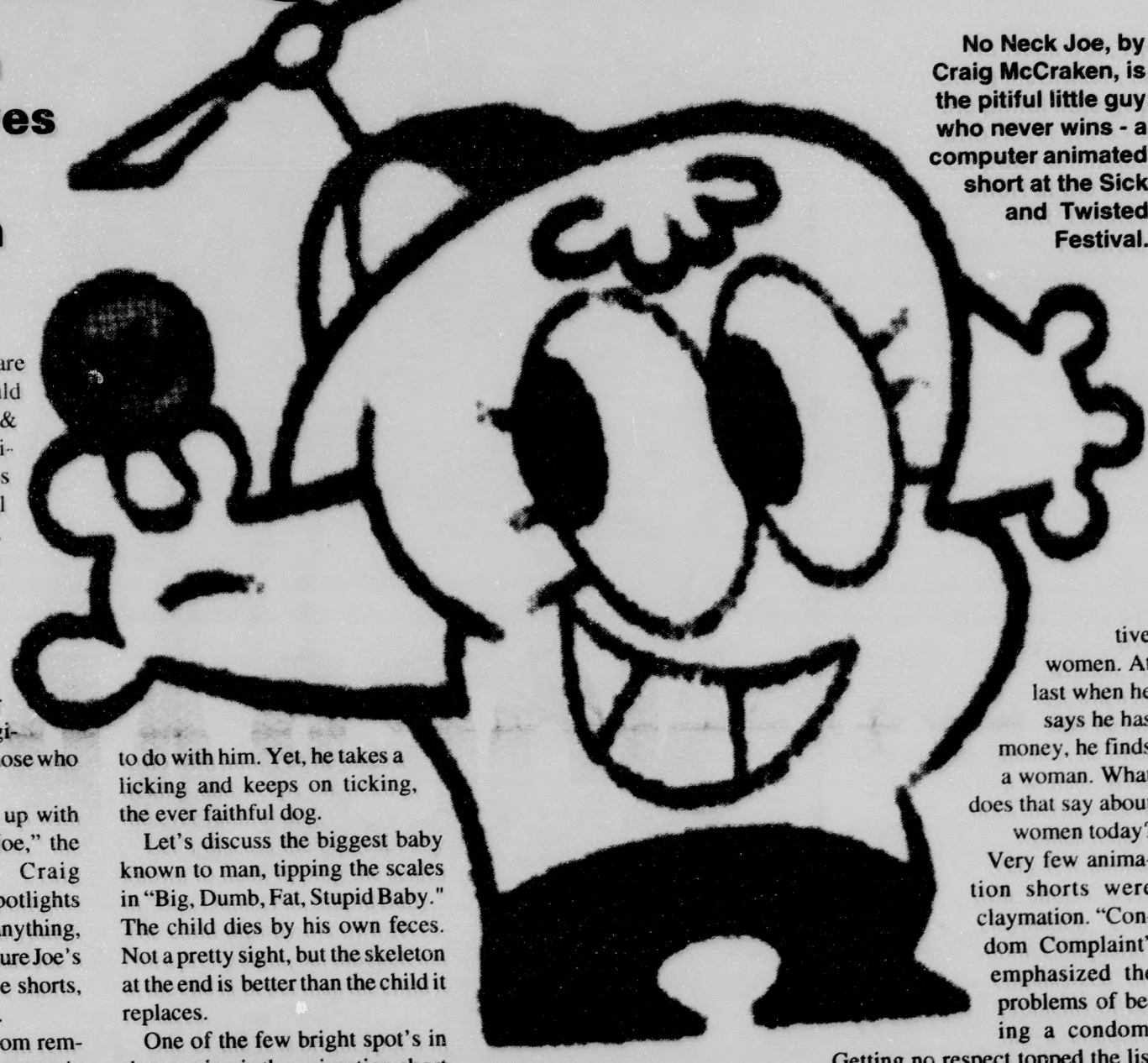
While the film isn't about strippers, it does include a rather explicit sex scene between actors Tom Cruise and Kelly Preston. In another scene Cruise tells Renee Zellweger her dress looks like an Audrey Hepburn movie. Maybe. But Audrey Hepburn would never have undressed for a love scene.

But that was another time, another world.

sick AND twisted

Animation festival lives up to its reputation

By Theresa Hudzinski
el Don Views Editor



No Neck Joe, by Craig McCraken, is the pitiful little guy who never wins - a computer animated short at the Sick and Twisted Festival.

Warped and disturbed are two more words that could be used to describe Spike & Mike's Sick & Twisted Animation Festival, 70 minutes of animation shorts that deal with feces, sex, and drugs. Disney animation it is not.

Originating from the Academy Award winning claymation shorts "Wallace & Gromit," the festival takes on the darker side of animation. The original plays every night for those who are easily offended.

Sick & Twisted opens up with the perils of "No Neck Joe," the boy with no neck. Craig McCraken, animator, spotlights Joe's inability to achieve anything, and the bullies who make sure Joe's aware as well. Out of five shorts, Joe only triumphs in one.

Imagine a dog made from remnants of every possible cosmetic surgery. "Left Over Dog" is that dog whose new owner, the woman who gave him life, wants nothing to do with him. Yet, he takes a licking and keeps on ticking, the ever faithful dog.

Let's discuss the biggest baby known to man, tipping the scales in "Big, Dumb, Fat, Stupid Baby." The child dies by his own feces. Not a pretty sight, but the skeleton at the end is better than the child it replaces.

One of the few bright spot's in the evening is the animation short done by Don Hertzfeldt, "Ah L'Amour." The short is animated with stick figures, but gets the point across. Hertzfeldt's hero gets his heart torn out, head blown off, etc. for just saying hello to his prospective women. At last when he says he has money, he finds a woman. What does that say about women today?

Very few animation shorts were claymation. "Condom Complaint" emphasized the problems of being a condom. Getting no respect topped the list (the condom saves lives you know). "The Lizard Whomper" left lizards running for their lives before they were needlessly ended by a creature so ugly it should have been the one that was "whomped."

Stereotypical bimbos run rampant in "Hut Sluts," animated by Miles Thompson. A favorite at the festival, the brainless chicks spend all day at the beach and partying all night. One of the scariest moments of the whole festival is seeing one of the sluts in a thong.

Picture perfect homes were not as they seemed in "Home Honey, I'm High," animated by Kevin Kelliher. Dad encouraged the family to partake in togetherness, from the dinner table to smoking the marijuana. Relaxation was not a problem in this house.

Closing with a love story between a mooning bird and an uptight cat in "Dirty Biddy," the festival comes to an anti-climactic end. Animated by John Dilworth, viewers sat through eight minutes of "Biddy" showing his affection for the cat, and her trying to get rid of him any way possible. True love is always so beautiful.

Averaging two minutes, with a few exceptions, you only have to sit through a few that drag. This is probably not a good first date. When they named it Sick & Twisted, they meant it.

The festival shows nightly at 9:30 p.m. in Costa Mesa at Edward's Mesa Cinema through Feb. 13 and Feb. 28 in Long Beach at The Art Theater.

STEPPING OUT

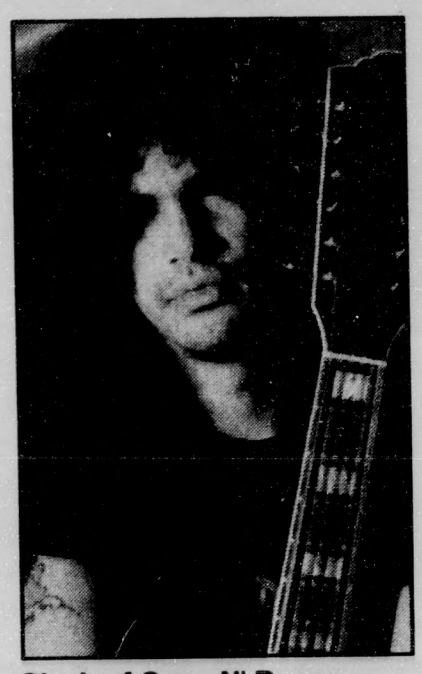
DON'T FREAK OUT YET

If you didn't buy your tickets for Cirque de Solei last year, you'll either be sitting behind a pillar or won't get in at all.

Don't kick yourself too hard, the Jim Rose Circus Sideshow comes to Santa Ana next week. Once a prominent feature of the traveling circus, freak shows became taboo after the turn of the century.

But the sideshows didn't only consist of freaks of nature. Jim Rose has once again assembled a troop of performers with unusual abilities. Mr. Lifto continues to disturb patrons, using his tongue among other members, to lift clothes irons and other weights. The Enigma (featured on the TV show, X-files) is covered with tattoos and is growing horns from his head. Jim Rose sticks his face in glass and lets patron stomp on his head.

This show is not for the weak of heart, as at every performance one or two people faint in their seats. The voyeurism begins



Slash of Guns N' Roses

Wed., Feb. 12, 8 p.m. at the Galaxy Concert Theater in Santa Ana. Tickets are $13.50 General Admission and $15.50 with dinner reservations. See APPETITE FOR BLUES BALL for more info.

APPETITE FOR BLUES BALL

Axl Rose bought all rights to the multi-platinum, pre-grunge rock band Guns N' Roses.

This means you probably will never see Slash, lead guitarist of Guns N' Roses, play with Axl Rose at the Rose Bowl again. Well, at least not for 20 years when the band regroups for a cash cow reunion tour.

But this is a good thing because Slash is a pretty good guitarist and you can actually hear and SEE him perform at the same time. Neither will you wait two or three hours for the show to begin while Axl Rose goes through emergency psychoanalysis.

Slash's Blues Ball comes to the Galaxy Concert Theater in Santa Ana, Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. The Galaxy has great sound, a pit, tiered seating, overpriced food, a two drink minimum and is located at 3503 S. Harbor Blvd. in Santa Ana. Tickets are $15 for general admission or $17 with dinner reservations. Call 957-1133.

ON THE WEB



REAL-TIME CHAPLIN

Charlie Chaplin's 1916 film "The Rink" is now availible for viewing free of charge. Sponsored and presented by the American Film Institute, this is the first in a series of movies to be shown in real-time, on demand.
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SNAP, CRACKLE, POP, SEX

Did you know that breakfast cereal was invented to reduce the sex drive?

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, a Seventh Day Adventist, believed that good health was the result of eating the right foods and complete sexual abstinence.

Kellogg never consummated his marriage.

The idea for his anti-aphrodisiac came to him in a dream in 1885. For 17 years he tried to perfect and sell his wheat flakes to little success.

In 1902 he experimented with corn flakes and barley malt. The result: instant success.

This and a plethora of other trivial information can be found on THE WHOLE POP home page.

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http://www.slip.net/~iceberg/wpc/wpc.htm

Views

STAFF EDITORIALS

Do it be or don't it be a language

In the words of Spike Lee, "I think Ebonics be stupid." Lee, whose reputation as a champion of preserving his African-American heritage has never been questioned, thinks this way then something just might be wrong.

The Oakland School Districts proposal, to instruct inner city African-American children using the street talk common to their environment, is well intentioned, but likely to have catastrophic consequences. Ebonics is not a native language ... it is slang.

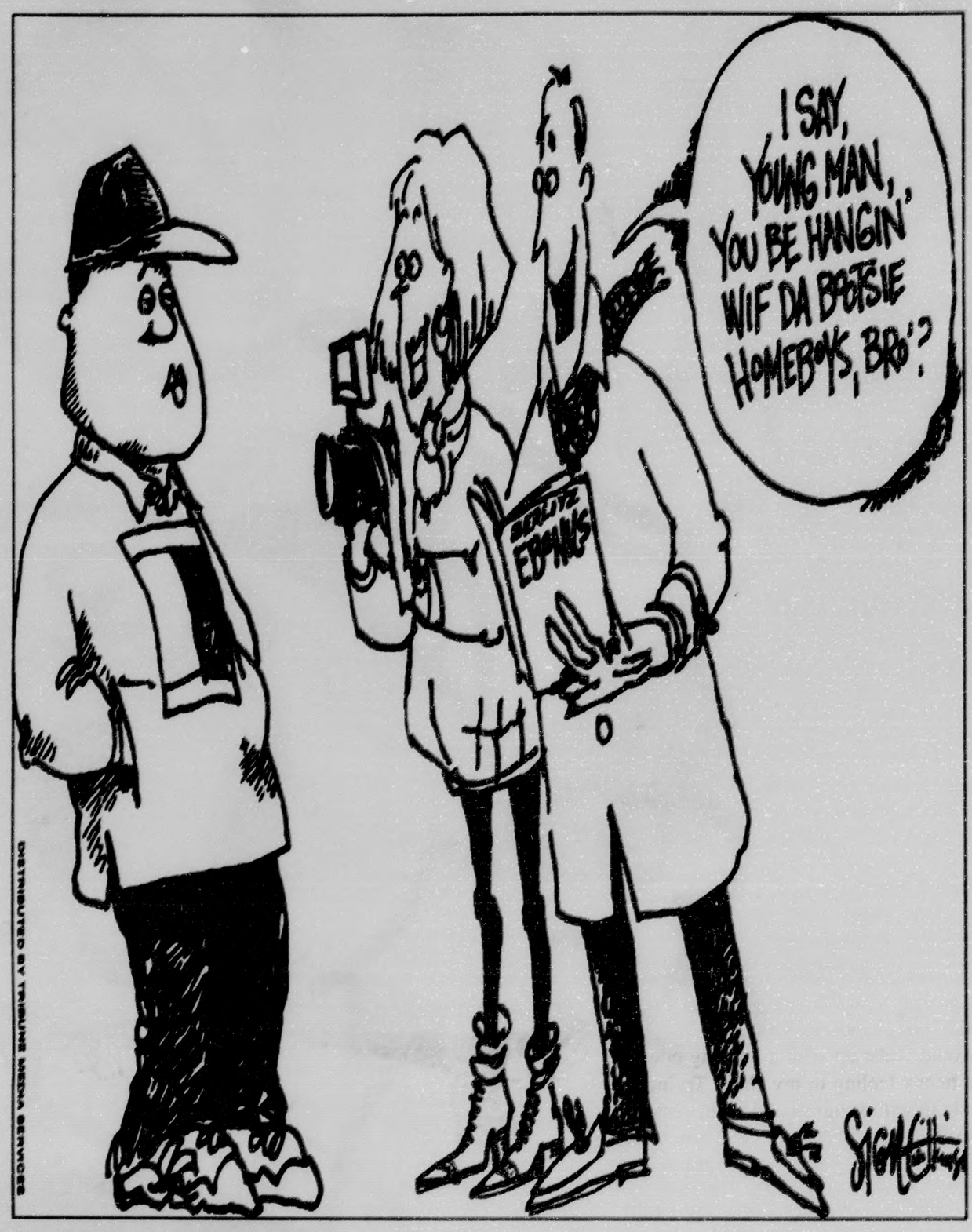
Comparing ebonics to other programs where non-English speaking students receive instruction in their native tongue is ridiculous. These programs are intended to help children with the transition from their own language to English, not as the primary means of teaching.

Men such as Frederick Douglas and Booker T. Washington, were self taught and struggled to gain their education. They were also articulate and gifted orators with a powerful command of the English language.

Ebonics would insult the memories of these great Americans and belittle their accomplishments.

Douglas used language like a sharp, double-edged sword, as a defensive as well as an offensive weapon that could cut a lesser man to shreds. To send these children into the world armed only with ebonics would almost certainly guarantee their defeat.

The funding for this program would be better used to teach these children to read ... English. Money should also be spent to educate the families of these children so that the language they hear at home is not slang. Ebonics would hurt these children more than it would help them.





Sharing is good for children and adults

The infighting and bickering between RSC faculty and administration reached a new level this week when Academic Senate President Dan Goldmann gave notice that the Senate would no longer participate in shared governance. A move that places the Senate at odds with state law. The Senate's decision flies in the face of a position they battled many years to obtain. The purpose of shared governance is to ensure that matters of policy and budget are resolved jointly, while keeping the best interests of students and taxpayers in mind.

If the past few board meetings are any indication, it appears that the students and taxpayers are of little or no concern to either side.

We have seen faculty storm out of meetings in profanity laced rages and bickering between board members that is so childish, that we wonder if both sides shouldn't be placed in "time-out."

It is time that each side recalls why they chose education as a career. Surely, it wasn't for the money. As writer Robert Fulghum notes, "Everything we need to know we learned in kindergarten." Let's hope that someday we can learn something from RSC leadership.

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SMOKE Out



By Monica Hernandez
el Don Staff Writer

I am a non-smoker. I didn't think I would ever be able to say that. I've been smoking for 25 years, since I was 14-years-old.

In all those years I was never really a heavy smoker, peaking at perhaps one pack a day, but my decision to quit came about because of two things. One, I'm also killing myself. And two, in all those years I never had a morning cough until recently.

I would wake up with a hacking cough, and a heavy feeling in my chest. Trying to sing along with songs on the radio - one of my favorite parts of driving - was becoming difficult. I would be out of breath at the slightest exertion. I needed this to stop.

But I was afraid. Afraid of failing. Afraid of telling my husband that I was going to quit and letting him down. Afraid of letting myself down.

My doctor suggested that to quit smoking you must first become aware of why you smoke, when you smoke, where you smoke and what satisfaction it provides.

So, I started several months ago by trying to cut out one or two cigarettes a day. It was interesting to discover how much of my smoking was simply because I had nothing else to do. I would smoke while I was watching TV, or a ball game in the lounge at a restaurant. I would smoke when angry or stressed, and I discovered my two favorite cigarettes ... After I eat and when I am drinking alcohol.

So, after the first of the year I went to Sav-On to buy Nicotrol, the over-the-counter stop-smoking aid. I was appalled at the price. A one week supply was $30. If I need 9 weeks that's $270. While my life is worth much more than that, but I didn't happen to have that kind of extra money.

I called my doctor and there is a prescription-only drug. It's called Habitrol, and I payed $5. Thank God for medical insurance.

I started my journey on Saturday, Jan. 11, 1997. I was nervous, but determined. The first two days were the worst.

If you're considering the patch, you must want to quit smoking or you'll never make it. I couldn't concentrate on anything. I had the shakes, an upset stomach, and a strange flushed feeling in my face. I didn't sleep the first two nights.

Don't get me wrong, the patch works. It works remarkably well. But a 25-year-old habit is hard to break.

I warned my husband that I might be a little cranky for a while. He said he understood, but asked if I meant crankier than usual. He can always make me laugh.

On the third day I was tired and ragged, but I figured something out that helped me a lot. Nicotine is being pumped into my system at a straight dose 24 hours a day. Nicotine is a stimulant, so it makes sense that I couldn't sleep with it on. Neither was I worried that I would want a cigarette while I was asleep, so I took it off about an hour before I went to bed. I passed out that third night, and slept hard and solid.

I've learned a lot about myself. I'm stronger willed than I thought. The physical craving is gone. The battle is now with myself.

If I stand near someone who is smoking, the smell instantly triggers a trained response. I have become one of Pavlov's dogs. I want a cigarette because it is what I'm supposed to want. I push the thought away.

After I eat, I fidget with the silverware, or clean something. My house is cleaner than it's been in years.

After watching my favorite Thursday night line-up of sitcoms on TV I went to the refrigerator for a soda. I opened the door and realized I didn't think about cigarettes that whole time. I know I can do this.

It is still a daily struggle. At about 10 a.m. every day, I begin to get nervous. This is my break time. Time for cigarette. My mouth waters, I feel anxious. I go to the water fountain and take a drink. I think I'm developing a new habit. And water is good for you.

Believe me, putting this in writing; telling the world, will only help ensure my success. I am not afraid.

To quit smoking you must first become aware of why you smoke, when you smoke, where you smoke and what satisfaction it provides.

Dons halt five game skid

Tape scores 22 points, leads RSC to victory over Orange Coast

By Bruce D. Shorts
el Don Sports Editor

After losing five consecutive games in conference play, RSC men's basketball team pulled it together to defeat Orange Coast College 72-66 on Friday at Peterson Gym.

The Dons improved their record to 13-10(2-6), and dropped the Pirates to 11-13(2-6).

Lohnnie Tape led all scorers with 29 points while pulling down 10 rebounds.

"We were fired up today," said Tape. "We played with a lot of emotion."

Mark Sukkola chipped in with 21 points and Vladamir Nieto added 13 helping the Dons to shoot 41 percent from the floor.

Brian Slusser also contributed to the victory as he grabbed 10 offensive rebounds.

"We played together as a team," said Head Coach Dana Pagett. "Tough defense and great rebounding gave us the victory."

OCC's Duane Curtis led the Pirates in scoring with 22 points before fouling out with three minutes left in the game.

"Lately, we haven't had fun playing," said Tape. "But today, we had a lot of fun."

The scenario on Wednesday was different as the Dons lost to Saddleback College 72-54 at Cook Memorial Gym.

Rancho played tenaciously in the first half using precise shooting and an in your face defense. The Dons shot 73 percent from the field.

The second half was a different story. Trailing 29-26, RSC was still in the game.

But soon the Saddleback defense began pressing the Dons. At one point, Saddleback head coach Keith Caulkins said, "Just watch Tape, the rest of their players are standing around."

While they couldn't stop Tape, he scored 14 of his game high 23 points in the second half, the Gauchos shut down the rest of the team, allowing them only 28 points and a miserable 22 percent shooting from the field in the last 20 minutes.

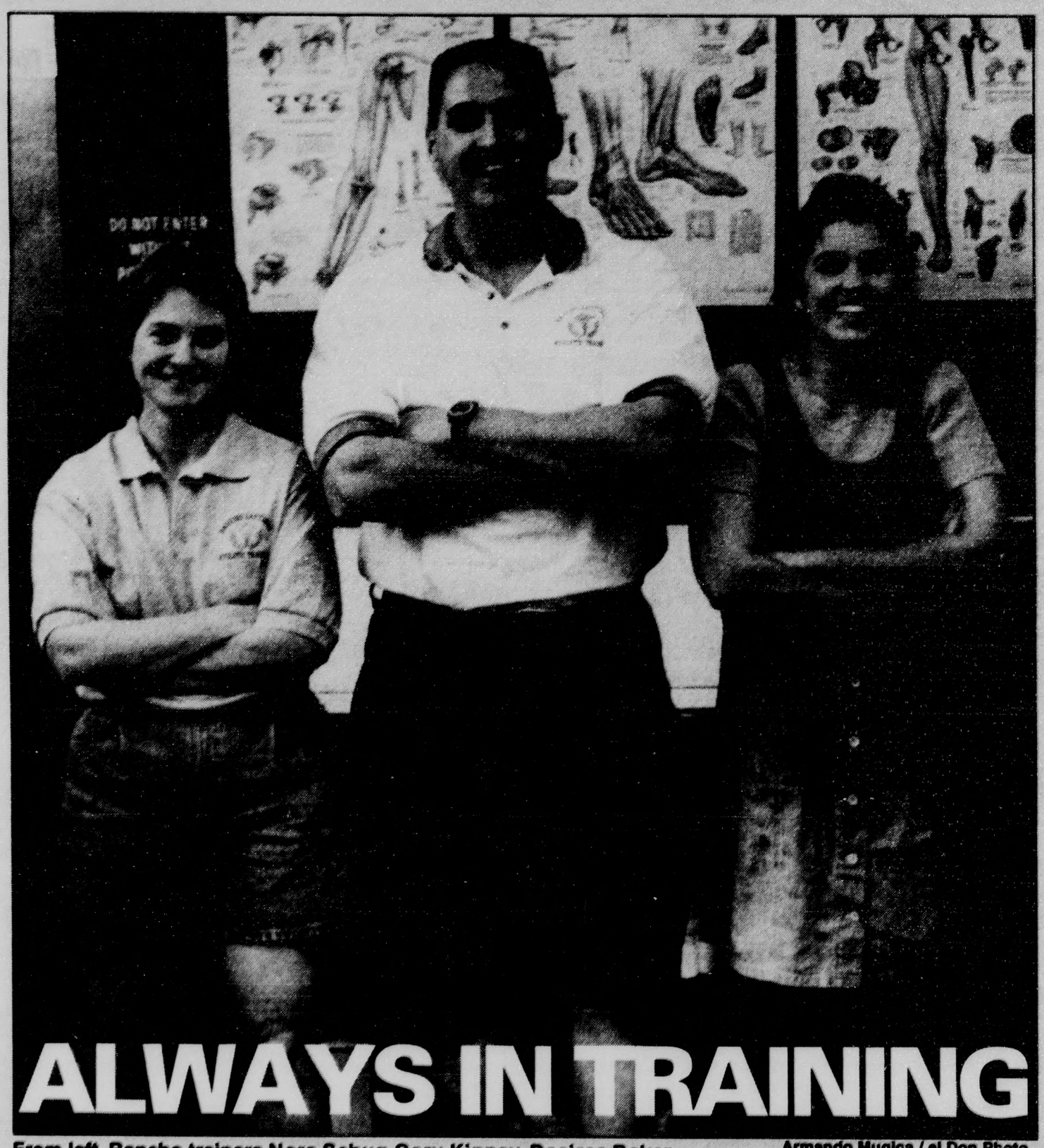
Rancho's next game will be tonight, on the road, against Riverside Community College at 7:30 p.m.



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Andres Nieto (25) drives to the hoop.

UP CLOSE



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From left, Rancho trainers Nora Schug,Gary Kinney, Desiree Baker.

ALWAYS IN TRAINING

Rancho's athletic trainers keep athletes on the run

By Bruce D. Shorts
el Don Sports Editor

They stand in the shadows during sporting events as anonymous figures, not to be seen or heard until the unexpected and unfortunate time when they are called into action.

Athletic trainers are prepared at all times to come to the rescue whenever an athlete is in need of assistance.

The training team at RSC is made up of Gary T. Kinney and his assistants Nora Schug and Desiree Baker.

Kinney and Shrug did not start with the intent of being athletic trainers, but for Baker it was a life long dream.

Kinney was playing basketball for Utah State in 1973 when he suffered a career-ending ankle injury. The injury forced him to make several visits to the trainer's office for therapy.

"While receiving therapy for my injury, I decided

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RSC in 4 way tie for second

By Bruce D. Shorts
el Don Sports Editor

It looks like the road to the Orange Empire Conference women's basketball championship will go through Bill Cook Gymnasium.

The Dons lost last Friday to Orange Coast putting them in a four-way tie with Fullerton, Cypress and OCC for second place with four games remaining in the OEC. Irvine Valley is the conference leader.

With the last half of conference play beginning, Rancho, which plays three of four games at home, are in good shape to either take sole possession of second or possibly win the conference championship.

"We have never lost a home game," RSC assistant coach Clark Wilkerson said. "I hope that trend continues."

The Pirates shot 50 percent from the field in defeating the Dons 70-50. OCC improved its record to 17-8 (3-3) while Rancho dropped to 16-6 (3-3).

Dianne Pullido led Orange Coast when she pulled off a double-double, scoring 30 points and grabbing 15 rebounds. Tracy Nakamura added 10 points for OCC to help ensure the victory.

"We didn't play as a team," Rancho guard Antoinette Thompson said. "We just could not come together."

Thompson led the Dons in scoring with 20 points, shooting 9-17 from the field before fouling out.

RSC's next game is tonight, on the road, against Riverside Community College at 5:30.

TRAINERS:

Their goal is providing the best care to athletes so they can perform.

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that athletic training would be a good career for me," Kinney said.

After the injury ended his basketball dreams, Kinney transferred to BYU where he received his master's in athletic training in 1981. He was hired as an assistant trainer in 1981 at RSC and promoted to head trainer in 1984.

With few women in a field dominated by men, Schug took up the challenge of infiltrating the world of a trainer.

"The field is still male dominated," Kinney said. "But the doors started to open up for women starting in 1985."

Schug attended Chapman University majoring in pre-Med. She also played hoops for the Panthers.

In her sophomore year, a knee injury ended her athletic aspirations along with the dislike of chemistry, a pre-Med requirement, forced Schug to look for a new career.

"Chemistry was to abstract for me," Schug said. "I liked medicine, and sports training seemed like the perfect choice for me."

Schug graduated from Chapman with a degree in exercise movement. She continued her education at Chapman and received her masters in 1988.

RSC hired Schug as an assistant trainer in 1989. A job she still has today.

Baker was introduced to the field by former Tustin High School and Rancho trainer Allison Aubert in 1989.

"I always loved sports, but lacked the athletic ability," Baker said. "Training is a way for me to be around sports and athletes all the time."

After graduating from high school in 1990, Baker followed Aubert to RSC where she received her associate degree in 1992. She graduated from Chapman University with a degree in exercise movement in 1995.

Remembering where her career started, Baker returned to Rancho as a trainer in 1995, a place she plans on not leaving in the near future.

All three trainers have one goal in mind, and that is give the best care to the athletes so they can do their best when they are performing in a sporting event.

Rancho trainers are involved in teaching the next generation of trainees.

"We stress to the student trainees to learn all they need to know at RSC, so that they can move on to the next level," Kinney said.

RSC has sent trainers to Chapman University, Cal State Fullerton, Rio Hondo College, Sacramento Community College and Siena College in New York.

"It's great to watch the student trainees learn the skills and knowledge of training," Schug said.

On Wednesday night, during a men's basketball game, one of the Rancho players had blood coming out of his nose and mouth.

Quickly, Baker rushes to the aide of the injured athlete. Her gentle touch lets the athlete know that he's in good hands.

A SHOOTING STAR

Antoinette Thompson is making her mark at RSC

By Stacy Bush
el Don Staff Writer

I sat in the back, in the darkened bleachers. The lighting poured down onto the shiny basketball court, and I listened to the frequent sounds of the whistle. Watching the players hustle back and forth, I was able to single one of them out.

Nineteen year-old Antoinette Thompson a freshman at RSC, was positioned underneath the basket, catching each pass from her teammates with ease and tossing the ball up into the basket with grace. She made most of the shots she attempted at practice that afternoon.

As the basketball coach shouted out various instructions, 5-foot-11-inch Thompson continued to move up and down the court with agility and speed, continuing to make her shots.

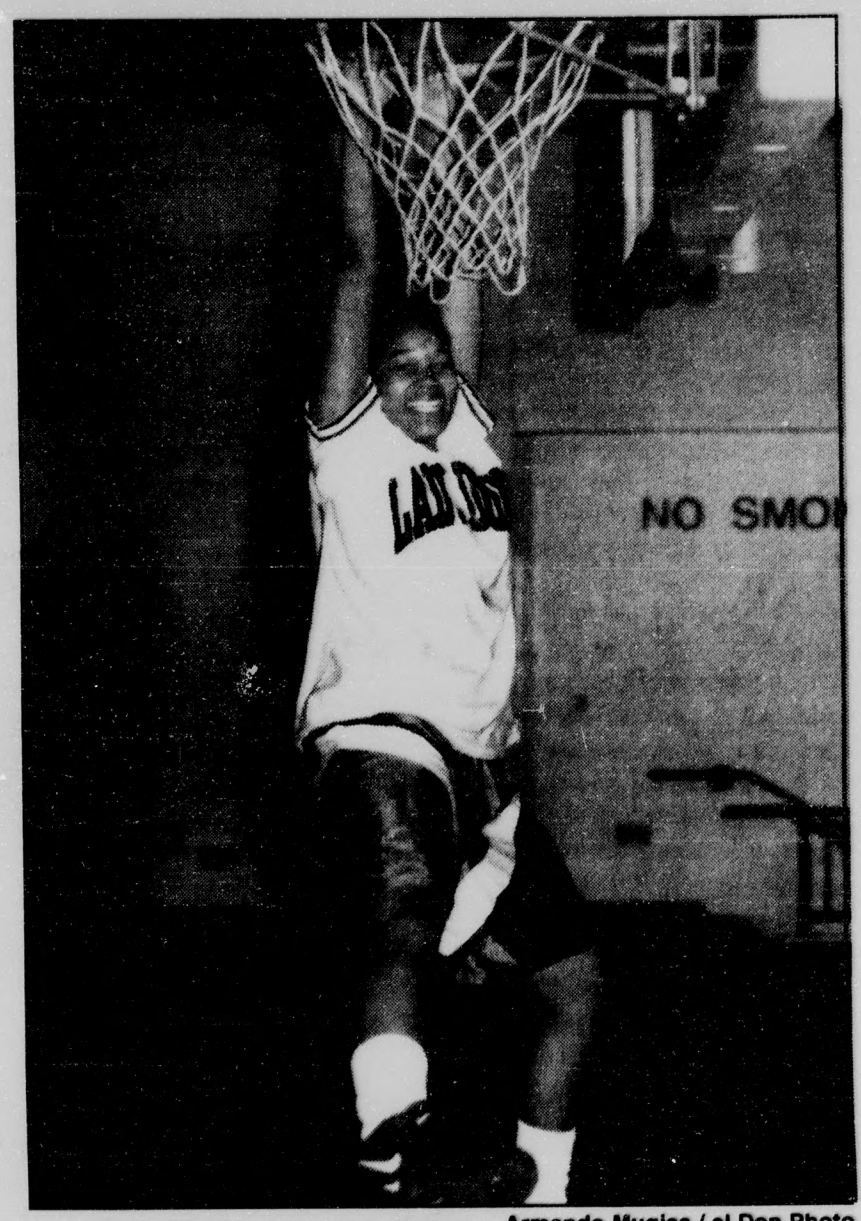
After all, this varsity basketball player is the top scorer on the team, according to statistics. Yet when asked about being the top scorer, she replied with a grin, " We are all top scorers."

Thompson started playing basketball between the fifth or sixth grade and has been playing hard ever since. She previously attended Morningside High School in Inglewood where she also played basketball.

Surprising enough, being a great basketball player doesn't come naturally for Thompson. "You have to practice a lot and stick with it," she said. When Thompson is not on the court, she studies and tries to spend time with her sister and brother. She believes that her family is important. Her family is a source of support and positive influence in her life, on and off the court. Coincidently Antoinette's sister, Tina, also plays basketball and is currently at USC.

The youthful Thompson is a power forward for the Dons, and they are currently 3-2 in the Orange Empire Conference. "We are seen as the underdogs, but if we work together, we're gonna win league," Antoinette said with confidence, as her dark eyes stared out onto the gleaming court.

Thompson hopes to eventually transfer from RSC to a university where she will continue to play basketball.



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Freshman Antoinette Thompson, star shooting guard for RSC, brings down the house whenever she's on the court.

Program 'Single' handedly revived

By Veronica Peterson
el Don Staff Writer

He's intimidating. With his slicked back hair, sun glasses and gold chain he looks more like a character out of the "Godfather" than a basketball coach. But what a coach he is. In his 25th year of coaching, Jack Single has put RSC's notoriously bad women's basketball team into the spotlight.

In his first year with the Dons and with a team made up mostly of freshmen, they boast a 16-5 record. Quite an improvement for a team that has won only one conference game in the past two years.

"Going to a new school, I knew there would be some difficulties, especially with seven freshmen," Single said. "We have some talented players on our team, but we're still looking for that 21-0 season."

A perfect season is nothing new for Single, who led Saddleback College to a 31-1 record, the Orange Empire Championship and a berth in the state championship game.

He accepted the RSC coaching position after a seven year stint with Saddleback College, where his record was 120-74.

Single coached the boy's basketball team at Downey High School for 15 years, went on to Cerritos College as the men's assistant coach then joined the Saddleback staff as the men's assistant coach. He accepted the women's basketball head coaching position soon after.

After Single's resignation, Saddleback was forced to suspend their women's basketball program for the 1997 season, having no time to find another coach.

"Saddleback and I just have different philosophies," was all Single would say.

Despite the problems Single had with the Saddleback administration, his connection with his players is evident. When he decided to accept the position at Rancho, several Saddleback players decided to follow him.

"With all the time the girls and I spend together, it would be hard if we didn't like each other. They'll go the extra mile for you if you go the extra mile for them.

We have six young ladies red shirting and will play for us next year," Single said.

Three players, Nekeda Allen, LaSheika Henderson and Shanna Renken, who played on Single's championship team last year, are practicing with the women's volleyball team.

Single may appear unapproachable on the court but once he starts talking he's quite charming.

A word to the wise, if you're planning on chatting with the popular coach wait until after practice.

"I may be a little gruff but like I tell my players, on the court it's all business. Off the court we're all equals and we all deserve respect."

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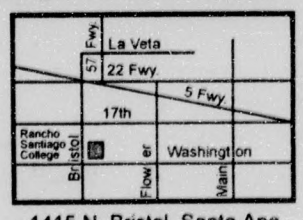


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SOFTBALL

MAKING A TITLE RUN

Dons set in every facet of the game except defense

By Cliff Mason
el Don Staff Writer

The Dons' softball team is ready for another grueling season, and with six of last year's starters returning, Kim Nutter, women's softball head coach, is all smiles as she awaits what could be her best season ever in her six years with RSC.

"I'm very excited, we expect to do very well this season," Nutter said. "We have made some sudden changes in these last few weeks because we still have some spots to fill, but the team is looking real strong overall."

With one week until the regular season began, the stands were packed. It was only a practice game but who would have thought there would be so much intensity.

The Dons still have some heavy hitters, who can create a late inning rally when the game is close, but defense is one thing Nutter is concerned about.

"We need more work in some of our defensive areas, but with practice I think we'll be fine," Nutter said.

The only other problem Nutter can detect at this stage is fatigue in the late innings but she expects to have that under control soon.

"Right now my girls are not physically fit, but as the season progresses that problem will work itself out," Nutter said.

This season's team is almost a mirror image of last year's; pitching sensation Sheryl Anderson returns along with Monica Chavarria (both had a combined record of 33-18-1).

To add to that force, the Dons will have Cari Remmel, Melissa Cruz, Tracy Wilkinson and Remy Amarro as returning starters. And once the first-year players start to mix, RSC will become even stronger.

"What I look for in my new players is quickness and hard work, and we still have a lot of fun," Nutter said.

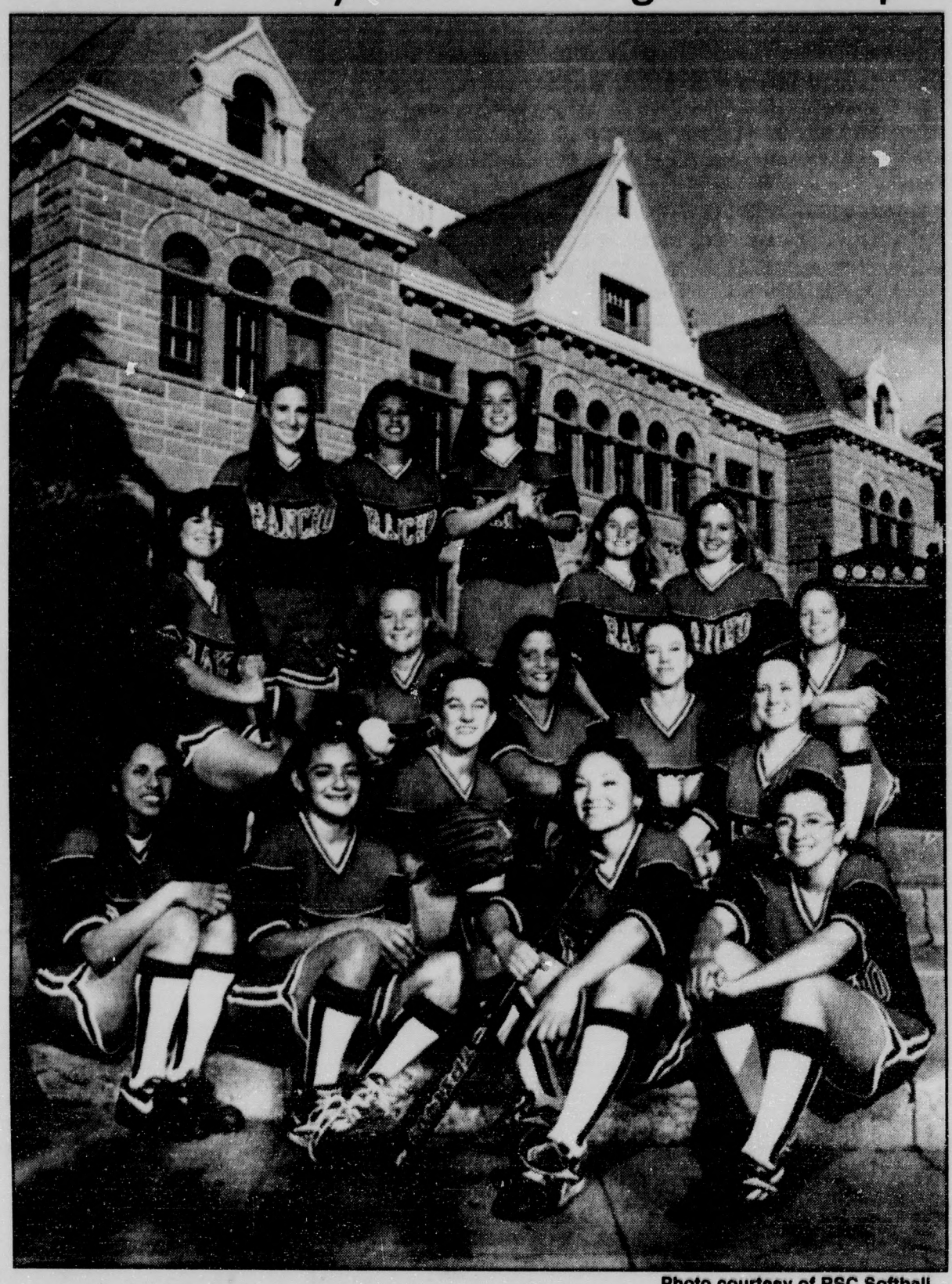


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The Rancho Santiago softball team looks to be a league powerhouse in 1997.

Another prominent feature which puts the Dons in a winning category is their attitude.

Despite the fact that the Dons are playing behind the shadows of RSC's baseball team, who, were named the top community college team in the nation by Baseball America, it has not dampened their spirits one bit. Nor has Nutter let it add any undue pressure on her players.

"We are all proud of what they've accomplished. It's not just for them, it makes the whole school stand out. That's what we need the most is a winning attitude," Nutter said.

The Dons will open the season on Feb. 8-9 at the Cypress Tournament. Rancho is expecting to see some real tough competition. Sacramento City College, the defending state champs; Fullerton College, which finished second last year in the Orange Empire Conference; and Palomar College, which finished strong last season, placing third in the state, will be there.

SOFTBALL



1996 In Review

Dons seek return trip to state championships

As the 1997 season begins, RSC expects to repeat their feat of 1995 by winning the conference and state championships as they are returning six players from last year's squad.

Player	Position
JESSICA CISNEROS	2B
TASI TAMATI	OF
REMY AMARO	CF
SHERYL ANDERSON	P/1B
SELENA AQUINO	P/C/1B
VICTORIA BRIDGE	DP/C
MARTHA CARMONA	OF
MONICA CHAVARRIA	U
MELISSA CRUZ	U
JACQUEZ GONZALES	IF
CARI REMMLE	1B/3B
JENINE SALAMUN	SS/2B
TRACY WILKINSON	SS/2B

SCHEDULE
All home games are played on campus at the softball complex at 3 p.m.

HOME	AWAY
VS SD Mesa 2/12	Cypress Tourn. 2/8-9
VS Fullerton 3/4	Yuma Tourn. 2/14-16
VS Irvine Valley 3/12	VS Riverside 2/26
VS Golden West 3/14	VS Coast 2/27
VS Cypress 3/17	Bakersfield 2/28-3/2
VS Riverside 3/19	VS Saddleback 3/5
VS Coast 3/21	VS Golden West 3/14
VS Saddleback 4/4	Ventura Tourn 3/22-23
VS Fullerton 4/18	VS Fullerton 4/2
VS Irvine Valley 4/23	VS Irvine Valley 4/7
VS Golden West 4/25	VS Golden West 4/9
VS Cypress 4/28	VS Cypress 4/11
	VS Riverside 4/13
	VS Coast 4/16
	VS Saddleback 4/21

SPORTS PROFILE

More than just a 'Nutter' coach

By Mark A. Garcia
Special to the el Don

She's enthusiastic. She's animated. She enjoys what she does. She is the head coach of the RSC softball team.

Kim Nutter, who grew up in Huntington Beach, found the love of her life in softball at the age of 10.

Although she was into other sports like volleyball and soccer, softball was what she did best.

Nutter was named CIF Player of the Year at Marina High School, and Community College Player of the Year at Golden West College. She went on to Cal Poly Pomona and was named first team Division I All-American.

After college, Nutter moved on to Long Beach City College as an assistant coach. She received her first head coaching job at Rio Hondo College, where she won a couple of conference championships. Nutter's next stop was East Los Angeles High School where she was junior varsity and varsity softball coach. Nutter came to RSC six years ago, winning a state championship in 1995.

Even though she was coaching, Nutter didn't stop playing softball. She attended nine Olympic festivals, eight for softball and one for team handball. Nutter also played for the California Commotions, Orange Lionettes and California A's. "The people who have influenced me the most were my coaches growing up," Nutter said. "I love this sport. I think you learn a lot (playing softball), it brings people together. We work hard and have fun. The players have a lot of enthusiasm and it teaches them discipline. Nutter plans to stay at RSC , but if Santiago Canyon College, formerly the Orange campus, plans on forming a softball team, she'd like to coach it.



Kim Nutter - Head Coach